GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1414
ANSWERED ON:29.10.2008
BRIDGE AND ROAD PROJECTS IN NER
Sarma Dr. Arun Kumar

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has completed the construction of bridges over Lohit and Khabohu rivers in Assam and construction of Dhola Sadia bridge over Brahmaputra river;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the allocation made, the expenditure incurred there against and the target set for completing these works?

Answer

MINISTER,MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION(SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c)& (d) The North Eastern Council have requested the Planning Commission to accord in principal approval, interalia, for the construction of major bridges over the Lohit and Khabolu rivers during the XIth Plan at an estimated cost of Rs.299.10 crore, after which the process of operationalizing the project will commence.

The construction of a bridge between Dhola and Sadia over the River Brahmaputra is included in the Prime Minster's special package for Arunachal Pradesh declared in January, 2008.The Department of Road Transport & Highways have circulated a draft CCEA note on the implementation of the Arunachal Pradesh package which includes, interalia, construction of the bridge at a cost of Rs. 900 crores in the PPP mode.

F/R at page 6/c is a letter from Lok Sabha Secretariat stating that since the Lok Sabha was adjourned on 24th October, 2008, to meet again on 10.12.2008, the question listed for 29th October, 2008 are required to be laid on the table of the house on 10th December, 2008.The replies to the question are to be submitted by 05.12.2008.

We have received unstarred question no. 1414 raised by Dr. Arun Kumar Sarma regarding Bridge and Road Projects in NER, to be replied on 29.10.2008 in the Lok Sabha.The question may be seen at page 7/c.However, since the parliament was adjourned further action could not be taken.The question no. 1414 is reproduced below:

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Dr. Sarma has raised the above issue recently by addressing a letter to Hon'ble Minister,DoNER. The issue was dealt in concerned file and a reply was sent to Dr. Sarma by the Minister, DoNER, a copy of which is placed in the file at page 8/c. The information in respect of bridges over Lohit and Khabolu river and bridges between Dhola and Sadia is mentioned in the reply sent to the Hon'ble MP. Based on this information, a reply to the parliament question can be given.

The letter from Lok Sabha Secretariat was received today in this office.Accordingly,the draft reply for the above question is submitted for perusal and approval.

(Pankaj Asthana)

Director

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FR at page 5/c is the printed version of the Rajya Sabha unstarred question No.653 raised by Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya, MP, to be answered on 23.10.2008 regarding Eleventh Plan proposals and priorities of NEC .The text of the question is reproduced below:

(a) whether the Eleventh Plan proposals and priorities of NEC are finalised;

(b) if so, whether the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether NEC has finalised the inclusion of all the pending schemes of Assam for execution during Eleventh Plan;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

The information in this regard was also obtained from NEC. The reply from NEC may be seen at page 3/c.NEC has stated that the Planning Commission has communicated the Eleventh Plan outlay to be at Rs. 7394 crores.NEC is working on formulation of Eleventh Plan proposals.It is further stated that the scheme of Assam are yet to be finalised.

The Planning Commission vide its letter dated 07.08.2008 has informed NEC that the protected outlay for the NEC during Eleventh Plan is Rs. 7394 crores.It asked NEC to workout sectoral availability of funds for Eleventh Plan and submit it to Planning Commission (page 6/c).It is further mentioned that the NEC has huge committed liabilities of about Rs. 2000 crores.The Eleventh Plan proposals of NEC will have to consider the committed liabilities also, while at the same time considering the proposals received from various State Governments.

Based on the above a draft reply to the above parliament question has been attempted and put up for perusal and approval.

(Pankaj Asthana)

Director
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